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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: DEMARCHE IN SUPPORT OF UNIFIL

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1. IN ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BRIGADIER GARBA, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE DEMARCHE PROPOSED IN REFTEL WILL FALL ON DEAAF EARS. A DECISION TO PRESSURE ARAFAT OR THE ARAB STATES HAVING INFLUENCE WITH HIM TO PREVENT PALESTINIAN FORCES UNDER ARAFAT'S CONTROL FROM ATTEMPTING TO REINFILTRATE AREA UNDER UNIFIL CONTROL, OR OTHERWISE CHALLENGING UNIFIL, COULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ONLY BE MADE BY GARBA HIMSELF.
2. SINCE GARBA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK TODAY AND WILL HAVE READY ACCESS THER TO THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARAB STATES, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE APPROACH CALLED FOR IN REFTEL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO HIM THERE. HE WOULD PROBABLY APPRECIATE A BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE CONTENT OF THE DEMARCHE COULD EASILY BE INCLUDED WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. WE VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT ANYTHING WE MIGHT DO ON THIS IN LAGOS WOULD REACH HIM IN TIME TO BE USEFUL.

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